

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Wanda Grinde, on April 15, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Wanda Grinde, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Russell Bean (R)  
Rep. Paul Beck (D)  
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)  
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)  
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. Dee Brown (R)  
Rep. Sue Malek (D)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**Staff Present:** Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary  
Jeremy Gersovitz, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 28, 4/2/2009

Executive Action: HJ 28

00:06:45 Chairman Grinde

**HEARING ON HJ 28**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:10:01 Rep. Edward Butcher (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HJ 28, Interim study of self-governing authority by school boards.

**EXHIBIT** (edh80a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:21:27 Ken Williams, Great Falls, Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:22:36 Eric Feaver, MEA/MFT

**Informational Testimony:**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:23:16 Rep. Boniek  
00:23:40 Rep. Butcher  
00:24:29 Rep. Boniek  
00:24:42 Rep. Butcher  
00:25:05 Rep. Beck  
00:25:45 Rep. Butcher  
00:28:28 Rep. Wagner  
00:29:22 Rep. Butcher  
00:33:47 Rep. Wagner  
00:34:42 Rep. Butcher

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:36:35 Rep. Butcher

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 28**

00:38:47 **Motion:** Rep. Butcher moved that **HJ 28 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:38:57 Rep. Bean  
00:40:28 Rep. Wagner  
00:43:12 Rep. Fleming  
00:44:21 Rep. Washburn  
00:45:19 Rep. Boniek  
00:46:48 Rep. Wagner

00:47:23 Rep. Fleming

00:48:15 Rep. Wagner

00:50:20 Rep. Fleming

00:51:06 Rep. Wagner

00:51:44 Rep. Fleming

00:52:53 Rep. Grinde

00:54:29 Rep. Butcher

00:56:22 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Reps. Blasdel, Boniek, Brown, Bean, Lake, Butcher, Wagner, and Washburn voting aye. Reps. Wilmer, McClafferty, Brown, and Malek voted by proxy.

00:59:38 Chairman Grinde

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:01:19 Adjournment: 4:20 P.M.

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Debbie Carlson, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([edh80aad.pdf](#))**